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Note verbale dated 25 July 2005 from the Permanent Mission of Cape Verde to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Cape Verde to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the action plan adopted by the regional expert workshop on the ratification and implementation of the universal instruments against terrorism, transnational organized crime and corruption as well as on the drafting of reports to the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the United Nations Security Council, which was held in Praia, from 8 to 10 December 2004 (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of Cape Verde would be grateful if the Secretary-General could bring the action plan to the attention of the General Assembly, under agenda items 96, 97 and 148, and of the Security Council.

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Regional expert workshop on the ratification and implementation of the universal instruments against terrorism, transnational organized crime and corruption as well as on the drafting of reports to the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the Security Council

Praia, Cape Verde, 8-10 December 2004

Action plan

We, Participants of the Regional Expert Workshop on the ratification and implementation of the universal instruments against terrorism, transnational organized crime and corruption as well as on the drafting of reports to the Counter -Terrorism Committee of the United Nations Security Council, held in Praia, Republic of Cape Verde between 8 and 10 December 2004, representatives of the following countries:

- Angola
- Benin
- Cape Verde
- Republic of Congo
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Gabon
- Gambia
- Ghana
- Guinea Conakry
- Guinea Bissau
- Equatorial Guinea
- Mauritania
- Mozambique
- Nigeria
- Sao Tome and Principe
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Togo

1. Convey our profound appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Cape Verde, and in particular the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities, for having hosted this Regional Expert Workshop in Praia from 8 to 10 December 2004;

2. Appreciate the efforts of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for the collective action undertaken in the co-organization of this Seminar and for all the assistance provided in the drafting of the reports to the Counter-Terrorism Committee of the United Nations Security Council;

3. Equally appreciate the contribution of donor States for having made possible the holding of this Seminar;

4. Recognize the urgent need for the countries that have not yet done so to accede to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC), as well as to fully and effectively implement it, which is a significant contribution to the global anti-terrorist efforts; and extend our gratitude to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) for offering its assistance in this process;

5. Urge our respective States to forward the pending supplementary report to the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC) of the United Nations Security Council and the Committee established pursuant to Resolution 1267 of the Security Council, within the timeframe requested by these committees; and for the States who have not yet done so within the set deadlines, to do so by 1 March 2005;

6. Urge our respective States to become parties to the 12 universal instruments against terrorism, the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, its three Protocols, and to the United Nations Convention against Corruption as soon as possible;

7. Urge our respective States to address technical assistance requests to the CTC in the areas covered by Resolution 1373 (2001) of the Security Council and not covered by the requests mentioned below;

8. Recommend to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime to facilitate the translation of the reports to the Counter-Terrorism Committee, for those countries whose official languages are not official languages of the United Nations;

9. Recommend the appointment of a focal point, within each participating State, which coordinates the activities of the competent State authorities, in particular the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Justice, Interior, Defence and Finance, on matters related to the fight against transnational organized crime and terrorism;

10. In this context, the representatives of the delegations have made the following technical assistance requests to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime;

- ANGOLA: technical assistance for the training of experts with regards to the prevention and suppression of money laundering and the financing of terrorism;

- BENIN: technical assistance for the training of experts with regards to the universal instruments against terrorism, transnational organized crime and corruption, in particular for judicial police officers and magistrates in matters relating to the repression of terrorism and transnational organized crime;

- CAPE VERDE: technical assistance for the implementation of the universal instruments against terrorism, transnational organized crime and corruption, in particular on money laundering; for the training of experts, namely in matters relating to investigations and detention of suspicious transactions;

- REPUBLIC OF CONGO: assistance for the training of experts with regards to the universal instruments against terrorism, transnational organized crime and corruption; as well as for the establishment and organization of a financial intelligence unit and the training of its staff;

- DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO: legal assistance for the ratification and incorporation of the universal instruments against terrorism, transnational organized crime and corruption; for the training of experts with regards to the aforementioned instruments;

- CÔTE D'IVOIRE: technical assistance for the ratification and implementation of the universal instruments against terrorism, transnational organized crime and corruption; as well as for the training of experts in matters relating to the aforementioned instruments; for the training of experts with regards to the aforementioned instruments;

- GABON: technical assistance for the drafting of a text concerning the establishment, organization and operation of a national financial investigation agency, including the provision of examples of States which have established such an agency; for the incorporation of the universal instruments against terrorism, transnational organized crime and corruption; for the training of experts with regards to these instruments; for the establishment of a financial intelligence unit and the training of its staff;

- GAMBIA: legislative assistance for the ratification and incorporation of the universal instruments against terrorism, transnational organized crime and corruption; for the establishment of a law in matters related to transnational organized crime; for the training of experts related to matters of the said instruments;

- GHANA: technical assistance for a project proposal for the creation of a national financial intelligence unit and to transmit to the CTC the requests for assistance on border control; as well as capacity-building of relevant staff of the financial intelligence unit through training, including good practices recorded in other countries where such agencies are run; legislative incorporation of the universal instruments against terrorism, corruption, and transnational organized crime including money laundering; for the training of experts in matters relating to the aforementioned instruments;

- GUINEA: assistance for the incorporation of the universal instruments against terrorism, transnational organized crime and corruption in the Penal Code and Penal Procedure Code, in particular for the re-editing of these codes; for the training of experts with regards to these instruments;

- GUINEA BISSAU: legislative assistance for the ratification and incorporation of the universal instruments against terrorism, transnational organized crime and corruption; for the training of experts in matters related to the aforementioned instruments;

- EQUATORIAL GUINEA: technical assistance for a project proposal for the creation of a national financial intelligence unit and the transmission to the CTC of the requests for assistance on border control and mercenarism; as well as capacity-building of relevant staff of the financial intelligence unit through training in Spanish language, including good practices recorded in other countries where such agencies are run; legislative incorporation of the universal instruments against terrorism, transnational organized crime (including money laundering) and corruption; for the training of experts in matters relating to the aforementioned instruments;

- MAURITANIA: technical assistance for the incorporation of the universal instruments against terrorism and transnational organized crime; for the training of experts with regards to these instruments; for the elaboration of an extradition bill;

- MOZAMBIQUE: technical assistance for the implementation and incorporation of the universal instruments against terrorism, transnational organized crime and corruption, in particular the prevention and suppression of the financing of terrorism, for the training of experts in matters relating to these instruments;

- NIGERIA: technical assistance in matters relating to the training of experts in the universal instruments against terrorism and transnational organized crime;

- SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE: evaluation mission regarding the need for technical assistance with regards to the incorporation and implementation of the universal instruments against terrorism, transnational organized crime and corruption, in particular concerning money laundering and the financing of terrorism, in addition to the training of experts in these areas;

- SENEGAL: assistance in matters relating to the training of experts in the universal instruments against terrorism and transnational organized crime, in particular for the suppression of the financing of terrorism and money laundering; legal assistance for the ratification and incorporation of the United Nations Convention against

Corruption; establishment of a national unit for the processing and transmission of financial information;

- SIERRA LEONE: technical assistance for a project proposal for the creation of a national financial intelligence unit and capacity-building for its staff through training, including good practices recorded in other countries where such agencies are run;

- TOGO: technical assistance in matters relating to the training of experts in the universal instruments against terrorism and transnational organized crime, in particular on the suppression of the financing of terrorism; technical assistance for the ratification and incorporation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption;

11. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime shall transmit the requests forwarded by all delegations to the financing organizations for the supply of technical, material as well as financial assistance, namely for the creation and implementation of their services, the reinforcement of the cross-border control, including the training of personnel and the editing of the confidential documentation, control mechanisms of the traces of the passenger, the improvement of technical equipment of identification, detention and surveillance.

The participants